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RE: MUR 4713
Harold M. Ickes, Esquire

Dear Counsel:

On February 6, 1998, the Federal Election Commission notified Harold M. Ickes, Esquire of the complaint in Matter Under Review ("MUR") 4713, alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On March 9, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, that there is no reason to believe that Mr. Ickes violated any statute or regulation within the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission with respect to the allegations unrelated to the advertisements funded by the Democratic National Committee, and that there is no reason to believe that Mr. Ickes violated any statute or regulation within the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. Copies of the General Counsel's Reports are enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Joel J. Roessner, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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